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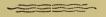
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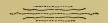
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Presbyterian Church, Darlington, S. C. Friday, October 29, 1897, 10 A. M.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment and was opened with a missionary discourse, at the suggestion of the last Synod, by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. W. M. McPheeters, from Matt. 19: 26; Luke 1: 37, and Mark 9: 23.

After public worship the Synod was formally called to dorer and prayer offered. The following members were reported as

PRESENT:

MINISTERS.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, Jno. G. Hall, C. W. Humphreys, J. R. Millard, S. H. Hay, D. S. McAllister, D. N. McLauchlin, J. B. Swann, Wm. M. McPheeters, Alexander Sprunt, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. K. Hall, Jos. H. Wilson, Jas. Russell, O. G. Jones, T. C. Ligon, W. T. Hall (2), J. G. Herndon.—19.



CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

W. G. Vardell, J. C. Oehler, J. W. Flinn (2), J. L. McLees, F. L. Leeper (2), S. S. Laws, A. G. Wardlaw, A. L. Patterson, H. R. Murchison —9.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

A. A. James, T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs, B. G. Clifford (2), S. P. Fulton, N. J. Holmes, W. L. Boggs, H. W. Burwell, J. F. Jacobs, W. S. Bean, W. R. Owings (2), S. C. Todd.—12.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Jas. McDowell, N. W. Edmunds, W. J. McKay (2), W. W. Mills, J. E. Dunlop, C. M. Richards, V. R. Gaston, J. C. Bailey, Robt. Bradley.—9.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

H. M. Brearley, J. H. Dixon, H. B. Zernow, J. G. Richards A. H. McArn, D. M. Fulton, E. C. Bailey, J. W. McClure, C. E. Hodgin.—9.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

J. O. Lindsay, W. T. Matthews, G. G. Mayes, J. A. Wilson, J. T. McBryde, (2) W. H. Workman, (2), R. P. Pell (2), J. N. H. Summerell, W. C. Smith, B. P. Reid, J. L. Williamson, J. F. McKinnon.—12.

ELDERS.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

J. L. Moore, Bethesda Church; J. F. Jackson, Clover; H. G. McIlwaine, Douglass; J. B. Neely, Ebenezer; J. M. Spratt, Fort Mill; W. J. Cunningham, Lancasterville; W. E. Wilds, Longtown; A. A. Douglass, Pisgah; W. D. Knox, Purity; A. H. White, Rock Hill; J. A. Watson, Yorkville; A. F. Anderson, Zion.—12.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

F. F. Whilden, 2nd Church, Charleston; W. J. Duffie, Columbia, 1st; R. M. Jones, Ebenezer; F. Y. Legare, John's Island and Wadmalaw; A. W. Leland, New Wappetaw; W. B Thompson, Orangeburg; J. C. Scott, Westminster—7.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

G. C. Young, Clinton Church; J. A. Mills, Greenville 2nd.—2.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

W. H. McIlveen, Bethel Church; I. H. Alexander, Camden; A. B. Stuckey (2), Hephzibah; P. D. Snowden, Indiantown; H. H. Singletary, Lake City; C. R. Harvin, Manning; A. L. Shaw, Mayesville; R. E. McFaddin, Midway; John Montgom, ery, Mt. Zion; James Reaves, New Harmony; J. D. McCaskill. Pine Tree; R. E. McIlveen; Salem, (B. R.); A. J. Briggs, Summerton; A. White, Sumter; J. J. Josey, (2), Turkey Creek.—15.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

W. F. Stevenson, Cheraw Church; T. E. Dudley, Bennettsville; W. E. James, Darlington; G. G. Palmer, Fair Hope; J. P. McNeill, Florence; J. W. Harrington, Hartsville; J. S. Scott, Hopewell; H. S. McLaurin, Red Bluff; John Weatherly, Reedy Creek; H. A. Womack, Society Hill; John McSween, Timmonsville—.11.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

W. E. Pelham, Aveleigh Church; A. P. Johnson (2), Anderson. 2.

The Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., was chosen Moderator and Elder J. P. McNeill, Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Rev. D. M. Fulton, pastor of this church, the Synod adopted the following as the hours of its daily sessions:

From 9:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M.

From 7:30 P. M. to adjournment at will.

Rev. D. M. Fulton, in behalf of the Committee appointed by last Synod to arrange a programme for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the formulation of symbols of faith by the Westminster Assembly, presented the following, which was adopted:

The Committee ton the observance of the 250th Anniversary of the Westminster Standards respectfully reports recommending that the Synod assemble for this purpose in the Presbylerian Church at Darlington on Friday Oct 29th 1897 at 7:30 P. M., and that the order of exercises be as follows:

Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D. preside.

1. Hymn.

2. Prayer by Rev James McDowell.

3. Introductory Historical Address by J. H. Thornwell, D. D.

4. Hymn.

- 5. Convoking Ordinance of Parliament, read by Gen. W. E. James.
 - 6. Roll of the Assembly read by T. H. Law, D. D.

7. Hymn.

8. Addresses by S. S. Laws, D. D., LL. D. Subject. The Bible Doctrine of the Trinity, The Corner Stone of the System of Doctrine and Government formulated, by the Westminster Assembly.

9. Prayer of Thanksgiving by D. E. Jordan, D. D.

10. Doxology and Benediction.

W. J. McKay, J. W. Flinn, Committee of J. S. Cothran, Synod. D. M. Fulton, ^

Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., Synod of Alabama, was invited and welcomed as a corresponding member, and the Rev. Messrs. R. W. Lide of the Baptist Church, R. A. Childs of the M. E. Church South, and J. M. Magruder and W. S. Holmes of the P. E. Church, as visiting brethren. It was made the order for 1 o'clock to hear Dr. Hazen, Secretary on Publication and Colportage.

Upon the call for communications to the body, the Stated Clerk presented the following:

An overture from the Rev. Dr. S. S. Laws—which was referred without reading to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. W. P. Jacobs, Historiographer of Synod, resigning that office—which was referred to a select Committee, consisting of Drs. D. E. Jordan, W. S. Bean and Mr. A. White.

A communication from the Secretary of the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., which was referred to the Committee on Education when it shall have appointed.

A petition relating to Sunday mails, which after discussion, was referred to a select Committee consisting of Rev. W. T. Matthews, Rev. Jas. McDowell and Elders A. H. White, and F. F. Whilden.

The Stated Clerk also reported, as matter of information that a complaint against a certain action of Enorce Presbytery on the part of some of its members, which had been placed in his hands and given large publicity, had been withdrawn by the parties signing it. On motion of Dr. Lindsay, they were granted leave to withdraw it.

The Rev. Dr. Hazen Secretary, was heard in regard to the Assembly's work of Publication and Colportage, and the matter of his address was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Rev. Prof. J. F. Jacobs presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian College at Clinton, which was on motion, referred to a select committee composed of one from each Presbytery. The Moderator appointed the following: Rev. C. W. Humphreys, J. C. Scott, Rev. A. A. James, Rev. W. W. Mills, W. E. James and Rev. Dr. J. T. McBryde.

The Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, as chairman of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions, presented the following resolu-

tions, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod hold a Conference on Home Missions

to-morrow at 7:30 P. M., and the following order be observed:

1st. Report of Permanent Committee be read. 2d. Evange4ists in our bounds be heard in ten minutes addresses each: 3d.

A collection be taken for Synodical Evangelization.

The Moderator announced the following:

Standing Committees.

1. Devotional Exercises.

Minister—D. M. Fulton. Elder—W. E. James.

2. Bills and Overtures.

Ministers—W. M. McPheeters, J. G. Richards, J. C. Oehler. Elders—J. L. Moore, John McSween, W. E. Pelham.

3. Judicial Business.

Ministers—J. N. H. Summerell, J. E. Dunlop, S. H. Hay. Elders—J. F. Jackson, W. J. Duffie, G. C. Young.

4. Foreign Missions.

Ministers—J. G. Hall, S. P. Fulton, J. H. Dixon. Elders—J. A. Watson, J. C. Scott, A. J. Briggs.

5. Home Missions.

Ministers—B. P. Reid, W. T. Matthews, J. L. McLees. Elders—W. F. Stevenson, A. W. Leland, A. L. Shaw.

6. Education.

Ministers—A. G. Wardlaw, N. W. Edmunds, D. N. McLauchlin. Elders—T. E. Dudley, A. White, W. B. Thompson.

7. Publication.

Ministers—J. O. Lindsay, D. S. McAllister. W. L. Boggs. Elders—W. D. Knox, R. M. Jones, John McSween.

S. Colored Evangelization.

Ministers—C. W. Humphreys, J. K. Hall, G. G. Mayes. Elders—A. White, G. G. Palmer, J. M. Spratt.

9. The Narrative.

Ministers—W. P. Jacobs, J. L. Williamson, J. G. Herndon. Elders—C. R. Harvin, J. A. Mills, R. M. Jones.

10. The Theological Seminary.

Ministers—J. H. Thornwell, B. P. Reid, A. H. McArn. Elders—F. F. Whilden, W. E. Pelham, I. H. Alexander.

11. Finance.

Elders-J. P. McNeill, J. L. Moore.

12. Minutes of the General Assembly.

Ministers-N. J. Holmes, H. W. Burwell, T. C. Ligon. Elders-H. G. McIlwaine, A. A. Douglas, Jno. Montgomery.

13. Leave of Absence.

Ministers-M. R. Kirkpatrick, H. R. Murchison, J. C. Bailey. Elders-W. J. Cunningham, F. Y. Legare, R. E. McFadden.

14. Presbyterial Records.

(1) Bethel-Rev. W. G. Vardell, J. C. Scott.

- (2) Charleston—Rev. O. G Jones, J. B. Neely. (3) Enoree—Rev. Jas. McDowell, W. E. Wilds.
 (4) Harmony—Rev. J. A. Wilson, W. D. Knox.
 (5) Pee Dee—Rev. W. C. Smith. P. D. Snowden.
- (6) South Carolina—Rev. C. M. Richards, J. D. McCaskill.

Certain papers relating to the Theological Seminary were referred without reading to the Committee on the same.

Synod then receded from business till 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30. P. M.

The Synod resumed business.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that the Overture from the Rev. Dr. Laws, which to-day had been placed in its hands, pertained to the Theological Seminary, and recommended that it be transferred to the Committee on the Seminary, which was done.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs, President, presented the report of the Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage, which was received as information and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Mr. John McSween was appointed a visitor on the part of this Synod in place of Mr. W. A. Nicholson, deceased.

The Synod then took up the order for this evening and engaged in the Westminster Celebration according to the programme adopted this morning.

At the conclusion of these exercises the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. L. Williamson.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 30, 1897, 9:30 A. M.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. C. Oehler.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional members rendered excuses for tardiness and were enrolled:

Ministers—J. W. Flinn, W. J. McKay, F. L. Leeper, W. T. Hall, R. P. Pell, W. H. Workman, J. T. McBryde, W. R. Owings, B. G. Clifford.

Elders—J. J. Josey of Turkey Creek Church, and D. A. Stuckey, Hephzibah Church, both of Harmony Presbytery, and A. P. Johnstone, Anderson Church, South Carolina Presbytery.

·A communication from the Rev. Dr. J. N. Craig, Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions, was read and referred to the Committee on Home Mission.

The Rev. Dr. McPheeters was heard in regard to The Religious Outlook and especially the Seminary Supplement.

Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Synod of Memphis, was welcomed as a corresponding member, and it was made the order for 11 to-day to hear him, as the Assembly's Secretary of Education for the Ministry in regard to that cause.

The Narratives and Statistical Reports of the several Presbyteries were read; and the former were referred to the Committee on the Narrative, and the latter will be found in the Appendix.

On motion, select committees were appointed to bring in memorials of the ministers whose decease is reported in the statistical reports, viz:

Rev. W. B White-Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D. Rev. B. P. Reid and Elder. A. H. White.

Rev. D. X. LaFar—Rev. N. W. Edmunds, D. D., Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., and Elder A White.

Reports on Home Missions were presented by the Presbyteries of Bethel, Enoree, Harmony, Pee Dee and South Carolina, and were referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Synod then heard the Rev. J. H. Lumpkin Secretary, on the work of Education for the Ministry. The matter of this address was referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. W. I. Herbert of the M. E. Church South, was invited and welcomed to sit as a visiting brother.

The recommendations on Education, presented by the Permanent Committee last year and set for consideration at this meeting, were taken up, and considered seriatim.

Pending the consideration of this matter, this business was suspended in order to hear reports which are to go into the hands of committees.

Rev. W. W. Mills, Secretary, read the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the same. Rev. Dr. Thornwell in behalf of said Committee, presented its report which was docketed.

Rev. B. P. Reid, Chairman, presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Education, which was referred to the

Standing Committee on this cause.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, Chairman, presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization, which was referred to the Standing Committee on this subject.

Rev. R. P. Pell presented the report of the Committee on Synodical Evangelization, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. D. M. Fulton, in behalf of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported appointments for the Sabbath, which report was received as information.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report which was referred to the Committee on Finance (Appendix).

On motion it was made the second order for the evening to hear Dr. W. J. Martin of Davidson College in regard to that institution.

Rev. J. G. Hall presented a partial report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions recommending:

That Synod hold a Foreign Missions meeting to-morrow (Sunday) night at the usual hour for public worship, that Rev. Dr. Jacobs and Rev. S. P. Fulton, deliver addresses on the subject of Foreign Missions and that a collection be taken for this cause.

J. G. Hall, Chairman.

Synod took recess till 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

7.30 P. M.

The Synod assembled and was opened with singing and prayer. The order of the evening was taken up and a Conference on Home Missions held.

The Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions, which was

heard and referred to the Standing Committee on the same subject. Brief addresses were then made by Evangelists Jas. Russell of Bethel Presbytery, F. L. Leeper of Charleston Presbytery, W. L. Boggs of Enoree Presbytery, J. A. Wilson of Pee Dee Presbytery and N. J. Holmes, general evangelist of Synod.

At the conclusion of the addresses, a collection was taken up

for Synodical Evangelization amounting to \$32.58.

Synod then heard Dr. Martin of Davidson College, concerning that institution. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That Synod has heard with pleasure the remarks of Prof. Martin concerning Davidson College, and rejoices in the continued and increasing prosperity of that noble institution of learning.

Rev. B. P. Reid presented the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, which was adopted and is as follows:

There has been referred to your Committee a report from the Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions. We find that to help support the 85 or 90 missionaries under charge of that Committee, the Assembly asks us for \$3964. Of this, \$1009 has been paid in. Of the \$1980 asked for Invalid Fund, only \$535 has been paid in. The balances unpaid on apportionments for these causes are Bethel for Home Missions, \$680 and for Invalid Fund, \$427; Charleston, for Home Missions, \$665 and for Invalid Fund, \$315; Enoree, for Home Missions, \$467 and for Invalid Fund, \$181; Harmony, for Home Missions, \$213, and for Invalid Fund, \$984; Pee Dee, for Home Missions, \$192, and for Invalid Fund, \$99; South Carolina, for Home Missions, \$741 and for Invalid Fund, \$327.

We recommend that the Synod urge upon our elders and pastors to see that the apportionments for these worthy causes are raised, and upon the Presbyterial chairmens to promptly

remind churches of their obligations.

We have also considered the Report of Synod's Permanent Committee on Home Missions. We are gratified at the evidences of progress contained in the report. We recommend that Synod, through its stated Clerk, express its regret to Charleston Presbytery at its failure to report to Synod on its Home Missions, and that Synod adopt the recommendations of the Permanent Committee.

We have examined the report of the Synodical Committee on Evangelistic Work. We are gratified at the success of the work. Rev. N. J. Holmes has visited sixty-four churches, and raised \$4,841. The preaching done to interest the people in his special mission has resulted incidentally in the conversion of seventy persons, fifty-eight of whom have joined the Presbyte-

rian Church. For this we are thankful, remembering that hewas not sent out for Evangelistic work. Rev. J. A. Wilson
and Rev. W. L. Boggs have been employed by the Committee
for Evangelistic Work. The results of their labors, two churches organized, two organizations petitioned, two promising mission points selected and cultivated, two churches practicallyresuscitated, forty six communicants received into the church,
and over \$500 subscribed for church erection, besides much pastoral and personal work. Remembering that the work only began with August, we are devoutly thankful for its remarkable
success. We are pleased to find that the Synodical Committee
has managed its work in a prudent and conservative manner.
All expenses are paid to November, and the Committee has \$1,876 on hand.

We are further pleased to note that the rights of Presbyte-

ries have been jealously guarded by the Committee.

We recommend:

1. That Synod approve the manner in which the work has been managed and heartily commends the cause to the liberali-

ty of our people.

2. That the work be continued on the sameplan and under charge of the same Committee except that M. F. Ansel from Enoree in place of W. A. Nicholson, deceased, J. C. Scott in place of G.H. Cornelson, from Charleston Presbytery be put on the Committee.

3. That Synod authorize the Committee to ask the Presbyteries co-operating in the work to apportion \$4,200 among them-

selves to support the work now conducted.

B. P. Reid, Chairman.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs present the report of the Committee or the Narrative, which was adopted and will be found in the Appendix.

Rev. Dr. Lindsay presented the report of the Committee on

Publication which was adopted and is as follows:

The Standing Committee of Publication presented the following report:

1. It is to be regretted that so many of our people and churches manifest an utter want of interest in the matter of Publication which is one of the leading enterprises of our Church. The books of the Committee are greatly needed by our people for their instruction, and could be made a most efficient agent in spreading the knowledge of gospel truth to those who are without it.

The benevolent department of this enterprise in furnishing Sabbath schools and feeble churches with proper lilerature, has

special claims upon the liberality of our people, and ought not to be disregarded. If money were furnished the Committee to enable them to employ colporteurs who would carry their books to the homes of our people, no doubt the sales would be greatly increased and much good effected.

2. The Synod is gratified to learn that the business work of this Committee is so well managed and that its finances are in a prosperous condition. Indeed, it is simply wonderful that they are enabled to accomplish so much with such restricted

aneans.

3. The Synod recommends the Superintendents and Teachers of Sabbath-Schools to use the Lesson Helps published by our Committee, and not be induced to get other Lesson Papers because of their cheapness.

4. The Synod again, as it has often done before, urges our uninisters and people to a liberal patronage of the publications of our Committee, which are full of the very marrow of the

gospel.

5. The Synod takes this occasion to urge pastors and sessions not to neglect to bring this matter to the attention of their people and give them the opportunity to bestow their gifts for the benevolent work of the Publication Committee.

J. O. Lindsay, Chairman.

Rev. A. G. Wardlaw presented the report of the Committee on Education which was adopted as follows:

The Committee desires to report to Synod that it has given careful attention to the matters referred to it, and makes the following recommendations:

1. That we commend cordially the diligence, the fidelity and the efficiency of the Permanent Committee on Education, and

recommend the adoption of the report as whole.

2. That Synod has heard with pleasure the comprehensive and forceful address of Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Assembly's Secreta-

ry of Education for the Ministry.

3. That Synod approve the recommendation of the Assembly, that a collection be taken up on the 4th Sabbath in December to relieve the present financial embarrassment of the Assembly's Home and School at Freder'cksburg.

A. G. WARDLAW, Chairman.

Rev. Dr. Jordan presented and Synod adopted the following report:

The committee on the resignation of the office of historiographer by Rev. W. P. Jacobs, D. D., respectfully report recommending that the resignation be accepted and Rev. W. S. Bean, D. D., be

appointed to fill the vacancy.

This recommendation was made at a meeting of the committee at which Bro. Bean was not present, not having been notified of the meeting.

D. E. Jordan, Chairman.

Synod then adjourned till 7:30 to-morrow evening. Prayer by Dr. Jacobs

THIRD DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 7:30 P. M.

The Synod was called to order by the Moderator, and engaged in a conference on Foreign Missions, presided over by Rev. J. G. Hall.

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was read and referred to the Standing Committee; after which addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Jacobs, and Rev. S. P. Fulton, one of our missionaries in Japan. A collection for Foreign Missions was raised, amounting to \$33.75.

Synod then, after singing and the benediction, adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Monday, Nov. 1, 1897, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Dr. W. T. Hall.

The minutes of Saturday's and Sunday's sessions were read and approved.

A telegram from the Baptist Sunday School of Kingstree was received as information.

It was made the order for 12 to-day to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization and considerthat subject. The Rev. Dr. Jordan in behalf of the Permanent Committee on Publication and Colportage, reported that nothing had been done, as no work had come into their hands. The report was received.

The Rev. Dr. Edmunds asked, for the Committee on the Memorial of Rev. D. X. Lafar, leave to report next year. Granted.

It was made the order for 11 to-day to consider the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Committees on the Records of Charleston, Harmony, Pee Dee, and South Carolina Presbyteries, reported recommending their approval, which reports were adopted. The records of Enoree Presb tery were approved with the following exception:

A Candidate for the Ministry was licensed without any examination on Latin and Greek, the Presbytery recording no reason therefor.

Rev. C. W. Humphreys presented the following dissent which was admitted to record:

The undersigned beg leave to enter a dissent from the action of Synod in reference to the approval of the Minutes of Enoree Presbytery, touching the licensure of a candidate for the ministry without examination in Latin and Greek.

The reason of the dissent is that the action of Synod seems to mean that such licensure is lawful when the reasons thereof are stated, without recourse to the rule for extraordinary cases. J. C. Oehler, J. F. McKinnon, B. P. Reid, D. E. Jordan, F. L. Leeper, H. W. Burwell, J. G. Herndon, Alexander Sprunt.

Rev. T. H. Law, chairman, presented and Synod adopted the report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause. (Appendix.)

Rev. N. J. Holmes presented the report of the Committee cn the Minutes of the General Assembly, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would call the attention of the Synod to the following items:

1. On page 25, the Assembly commends to the Synods for consideration and action the matter of Synodical colportage.

2. On page 44, "the Assembly urges the officers and members to abstain from assisting in any way the desecration of the Sabbath day by offering news or reports for either Sunday or Monday papers."

3. On page 50, the Assembly expresses its desire for the

establishment of a Summer School for Bible study and appointed a committee to carry out this desire.

4. On page 49, the Assembly commends to the Church, the

Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg.

5. On page 25, the General Assembly omitted from the questions to be answered in making up the Narrative that relating to official fidelity of Ministers, Ruling Elders and Deacons.

N. J. Holmes, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. Dr., McPheeters the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod would except to and dissent from the action of the Assembly in ordering to be stricken from the topics for Narrative the question as to the official fidelity of Ministers, Elders and Deacons, and instruct its Presbyteries to require of their respective Sessions in their reports to Presbytery an answer to the same.

The order for 11 o'clock—the report on the Theological Seminary—was taken from the docket and considered seriatim. Pending its consideration, the hour of 12 o'clock arrived, and the report of the Committee on Colored Evangelization was presented by Rev. Dr. Humphreys and considered seriatim. After much discussion, the report was recommitted, and Elder W. F. Stevenson added to the Committee.

The unfinished business of this morning was resumed, and pending its consideration (the hour for recess arrived, but the time was extended for a short while.

On motion it was resolved that when Synod take recess it be until 4 P. M.

Lancaster was chosen as the place of next meeting, and Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in October (18th day) 8 P. M., the time.

The Committee on the petition concerning Sunday Mails presented majority and minority reports, which were docketed.

Synod then took recess till 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Upon the resumption of business, the Select Committee on the report of the College at Clinton presented majority and minority reports. The majority report was adopted and is as follows: The Committee to whom was referred the proposition of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, would respectfully report:

First. We have carefully considered the proposition submitted to us, in all its bearings and with respect to all the in-

terests involved.

Second. While we do not see our way clear to recommend to the Synod to accept the proposal of the Board, we appreciate the importance of this college in itself, and in its relation to the Thornwell Orphanage, and also in its relation to the Columbia Seminary.

Third. Your Committee is of the opinion that Synod will make a deplorable mistake if it permits this college to suffer

from a lack of practical interest.

C. W. Humphreys, A. A. James, J. C. Scott, John McSween, John T. McBryde.

For report of the Board see Appendix. Synod then took recess till 7:30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 P. M.

Synod reassembled.

On motion of Rev. J. N. H. Summerell it was

Resolved, That speeches hereafter be limited to five minutes, except that of Dr. Laws, who now holds the right to the floor on the Seminary report.

Rev. J. G. Hall presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully report recommending

the following, to wit:

1st. That whilst bowing with humble submission before the dispensation of Providence that has called away from their earthly labors two of our beloved missionaries, Synod recognizes with profound gratitude the goodness and mercy of God that have accompanied our missionaries as a whole during the past year, in permitting them to carry on their work in peace, and abundantly blessing their labors.

2nd. That Synod has heard with gratification that all the Presbyteries comprising this Synod except, one have increased their contributions to this cause, but at the same time learns with concern from a circular issued by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, that the work is in

danger of being seriously crippled by a falling off in the contritions, due to the prevalence of yellow fever and quarantine over a large portion of our territory, and in view of this state of things, urges our ministers and people to bear this work in an especial manner, upon their hearts, and urges the Presbyteries to try to give, an opportunity at least, to the 75 churches of the Synod reporting no contributions, to contribute to this cause.

3rd. That the Synod appoint a Committee of three of which the Moderator shall be Chairman, to convey to Dr. DuBose the assurance of Synod's hearty sympathy with him and his family in the sore trial through which they have been called to pass.

Respectfully submitted for comment.

J. G. HALL, Chairman.

The Synod appointed Rev. J. G. Hall, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, and added the following Elders, W. A. Templeton, W. E. Pelham, W. F. Stevenson, and E. A. Smyth.

Rev. W. T. Matthews presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education which was approved and the recommendations adopted. (See Appendix).

The Committee on Colored Evangelization reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

The Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization beg

leave to submit this report:

We carefully examined the matters submitted to us by the Permanent Committee, and found the affairs of that department in a critical condition. Without burdening Synod with the details of these difficulties, we submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend to the Presbyteries to secure the refunding to the Synod of the \$388 sent by mistake to the Central Committee, the same to be paid over to the Synod's Committee.

2. We recommend to Presbyteries that they retain all moneys contributed for the cause of Colored Evangelization for the ensuing year, and that all funds raised be sent to Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, Chester, S. C.

3. We recommend that Synod's Committee be directed to aid the Presbytery of North and South Carolina as far as they

may be able.

4. The Synod's Permanent Committee is hereby directed to confer, in such way as it may deem best, with the Assembly's Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization in regard to the property rights and the co-operation of the Synod and the General Assembly in the ownership, control, and operation of

the Ferguson-Williams College.

5. We recommend that, before the Synod's Committee pays any money on the Ferguson-Williams College debt, they have the legal title to the property conveyed to some trustee for the Synod, or the Synod and General Assembly, if the Assembly's Committee shall pay part of the funds, the interest of each body to be in proportion to the amount of money which each body furnishes to pay on the debt of the same.

6. In case the Synod's Committee finds insuperable difficulties the committee is directed to cancel any contract or obligation

which may have been entered into or assumed.

7. We recommend the re-election of the present Committee with the addition of the Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D.

C. W. Humphreys, Chairman.

The unfinished business, the report on the Theological Seminary, was taken up and Dr. Laws addressed Synod upon the matter. The time of Rev. B. P. Reid, acting Chairman of the Committee, was also extended. After further discussion the report was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Theological Seminary would respectfully report, that they have carefully examined all matters entrusted to their care. They find the Minutes neatly and correctly kept and commend the diligence and faithfulness of the Board. We note with pleasure the business-like manner in which the proceedings are conducted, and especially call attention to the jeal-

ousy with which the funds entrusted are guarded.

A copy of the bond is now transcribed in the minute book so that all are aware as to the bondsmen of the Treasurer and their financial standing. The Treasurer is required to make complete reports to the annual meeting of all receipts and expenditures, and is required to keep the different funds separate both as to receipts and disbursements, and at all times to have his books in such shape that a glance will reveal the true condition of affairs and the standing of each separate fund. The faculty also are enjoined to exercise great care in the oversight of the student's fund and must report to the board the name, literary standing, term mark and examination mark of the student receiving aid. The Executive Committee are also authorized to prepare a schedule of approximate expenses and probable funds, so that the deficit, if any, may be grappled with at the beginning and not at the end of the session. The shortage for the present year of expenditures over income will aggregate \$1,500, of which amount this Synod is requested to assume \$600. We recommend that a special committee consisting of W. A. Clark, W. T. Hall, D. D., and Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D., be appointed to take the proper step for raising this amount. The

Synod would recommend to its churches the propriety and importance of taking a collection upon some Sabbath in January, preferably the 5th Sabbath, for raising their quota of the deficit in the revenues essential to carrying on successfully the work of the Seminary. We are glad to see that the Christmas holidays have been restricted to one day.

We recommend that Synod elect one of its ministerial members of the board of directors as examiner in conformity with

the constitution of the Seminary. "Sec. 11 I, Art. 2."

We heartily approve of the Seminary institute and cordially commend it the attention of our ministers and private mem-

bership.

We recommend the approval of the request that the Stated Clerks of the controlling Synods be "required to notify the secretary of the board of all election of Directors, giving their names and the terms for which they are to serve, immediately after their election; also of any other action requiring the attention of the board."

The overture presented by Dr. Laws has received the careful and serious attention of your Committee, and they recommend: That while they feel the force of the able arguments and facts presented, yet in as much as the rule was adopted after careful consideration by the controlling Synods, your Committee is not prepared to recommend either that the rule be rescinded or interpreted. We heartly recommend that the Synod approve the action of the Board of Directors in re electing Dr. S. S. Laws and Dr. James D. Tadlock, to the respective chairs now occupied by them.

J. H. THORNWELL, Chairman.

Rev. J. G. Richards and Rev. W. G. Neville were elected Directors of the Seminary to serve for the next three years. And Rev. J. G. Richards was elected examiner on the part of this Synod.

The unfinished business of Saturday was taken up, viz: the recommendations of the Permanent Committee on Education in last year's report. The recommendations were adopted except the 5th, which was stricken out. They are as follows:

With a view to making examinations of candidates for licensure more satisfactory to students and Presbyteries, we recommend the adoption by our Presbyteries of a testing system embodying the following features:

1. That for all examinations, permanent examiners be ap-

pointed.

2. That examinations usually held in private be written, and fifty per cent. made the passing mark.

3. That all examiners report to Spring Presbytery for approval and publication in Minutes, specifying the books or portions of books from which questions will be taken during the year.

year.
4. That examiners have the privilege of examining students with private and written examinations at convenient times and

places before regular meeting of Presbytery.

5. That examiners submit all their questions and the results of examinations to Presbytery for approval and publication in the Minutes.

The following was, on motion, added:

That all the Presbyteries be requested to report their adoption or refusal to adopt these recommendations; and that the Clerk of Synod be instructed to send a copy of these recommendations to the Presbyteries.

The reports on the petition in regard to Sunday Mails were taken from the docket. And the minority report was adopted and is as follows:

We recommend that the petition be adopted by this Synod and forwarded to the proper parties.

Frank F. Whilden, of the Committee.

The following is the Petition adopted:
To the Hon. James A. Gary, Post-Master General.

Honored Sir:—The Sunday Railway train, by its ready and wide extended inducement to travel, both for pleasure and business, is undoubtedly the most influential agency now undermining public reverence for the divinely appointed Sabbath.

The transportation of the mail, except in the vicinity of large cities, is the chief cause and *support* of the Sunday train.

The great facilities for daily intercommunication by rail, telegraph and telephone, leave no excuse for the Sunday mail as a necessity, a fact sustained by the diminished mail service and almost universal closing of Postoffices in England and Canada.

State legislation cannot stop United States mail trains, therefore the responsibility for Sunday mail service, and largely for all Sunday travel, rests solely upon the Postoffice department.

If the United States government, through you and your department, by the approval and direction of the President, would set the example of reverence for the Lord's day by stopping the transmission of mails and closing all Postoffices on Sunday, it would evoke a divine blessing upon itself and the whole country; would teach a sublime lesson to the world; would confer a great boon upon thousands of its own and other officials and employees, and would put such a stamp of con-

demnation upon all acts of public desecration of the Sabbath aswould deter good citizens from their commission, and renderall proper Sunday laws, state and municipal, easy of enforce-

ment.

We, the Synod of South Carolina, representing some 20,000 communicants of the Presbyterian Church, therefore do earnestly but respectfully petition you, and through you, His Excellency the President, to forbid the transmission of any mails on Sunday and order the closing of all Postoffices throughout the United States on that day, or if not empowered so to do, to ask authority from Congress to order the same.

Dr. McPheeters gave notice of protest.

The Rev. W. G. Vardell presented the report of the Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, which was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on the records of Bethel Presbytery, respectfully recommends their approval with the following exceptions:

1. The appointment of a Commission to examine and license

Candidate Davidson Douglass.

2. A similar appointment to examine and license Candidate W. B. Allison. This action transcends the power of a Commission as defined—Book of Church Order Page 31. Section vii. Paragraph 92-Article 2d.

W. G. VARDELL, J. C. Scott.

The Rev. J. N. H. Summerell of the Committee on Judicial Business reported that nothing had come into its hands and the Committee was discharged.

On motion it was

Resolved, that this Synod, feeling a deep interest in the Presbyterian College of S. C., at Clinton would be gratified if its several congregations would extend a cordial welcome to any agent that may be appointed by the Directors of said College to represent its financial interests before our people.

The following vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved. That when the Synod of South Carolina adjourns, it extends the hearty thanks of this venerable body to the Pastor of this church, to the members thereof, and to the citizens of this city for the cordial reception and the kind hospitality shown us, and to the railroads for the reduction of fare.

The Rev. Dr. McPheeters of the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had come into its hands and

the Committee was discharged.

Rev. H. R. Murchison presented and Synod approved the following Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence:

EXCUSED AFTER SATURDAY, P. M.

Rev. D. S. McAllister, Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., Elders J. J. Josey and W. H. McElveen, Capt. Dudley.

EXCUSED AFTER SUNDAY NIGHT.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs, D. D., Elders J. B. Neely and A. Douglass also Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick.

EXCUSED FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

Revs. W. G. Neville, Chalmers Moore, J. S. Watkins, D. D., S. M. Smith, D. D., J. L. Wilson, D. D.

EXCUSED AFTER MORNING SESSION, TUESDAY, NOV. 1, 1897.

Elder F. Y. Legare, Rev. J. K. Hall

EXCUSED AFTER THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. W. Flinn, D. D., Rev. V. R. Gaston, Rev. James Russell, Elder A. W. Leland.

HUGH R. MURCHISON.

For the Committee.

Rev. Dr. McPheeters was allowed permission to present at the next meeting for himself and others, a protest against Synod's action with regard to Sunday mails. He also gave notice of a complaint to the Assembly against said action.

The Rev. Dr. C. W. Humphreys and Mr. F. F. Whilden were appointed to represent the Synod before the Assembly in this matter. And the Moderator was authorized to appoint alternates in case these brethren cannot attend the Assembly.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted.

Synod's Committee on Finance begs leave to report that it has carefully examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and finds the same correct, and properly vouched.

Your Committee recommends that the assessments of the several Presbyteries of this Synod, be made for the ensuing

year the same as for the present year, to wit:

Bethel Presbytery \$40 00
Charleston " 30 00
Enoree " 35 00
Harmony " 25 00
South Carolina Presbytery 25 00
Pee Dee " 00
Respectfully bmitted,
J. P. MENEILL,

Rev. Dr. Sprunt of the Committee on Revision of the Rules presented a Report, which he had prepared but had not been formally adopted by the Committee. On motion it was ordered to be printed in the appendix to the Minutes and its consideration be made the special order for next Synod immediately after the appointment of the Standing Committees.

Rev. Drs. W. J. McKay and J. S. Watkins, and Judge J. S. Cothran were appointed regents of the South Atlantic Univer-

versity.

Rev. Dr. McPheeters reported in behalf of himself and Dr. Thornwell as delegates to the Associated Synods, appointed last year, that the duty had been performed.

A Memorial of Rev. W. B. White, deceased, was read and adopted by a rising vote. (See Appendix).

On motion of W. F. Stevenson it was

Resolved, That Synod hereby express its thanks to the Moderator for his ability and impartiality in presiding over the deliberations of this body, and the Stated Clerk for his efficient services in that capacity.

On motion, the hearty thanks of Synod were returned to the brethren who took part in the Westminster Celebration, Friday evening.

Bethel Presbytery was ordered to meet to night to attend to necessary business.

The Minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction, to meet at Lancaster, Tuesday, October 18th, 1898.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT.

J. P. McNEILL,

Moderator.

Temporary Clerk.
THOMAS H. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

I.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it consists of 29 ministers and 59 Churches and has under its care, 3 Licentiates and 14 Candidates.

It has received Rev. J. C. Spann from the M. E. Church, South, and Licentiate W. W. Sadler, from South Carolina Presbytery.

It has also received under its care as candidates for the Gos-

pel Ministry, Messrs. J. M. McConnell and F. A. Drennan.

It has licensed D. M. Douglas to preach the gospel.

It has established the pastoral relation between Rev. J. G. Herndon and Aimwell and Longtown churches; Rev. J. P. Doggett and Kershaw and Beaver Creek churches; Rev. Chalmers Moore and Liberty Hill church; Rev. J. G. Hall and Hebron church.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. James Russell and Lebanon, Horeb and Union churches, and between Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff and Calvary and Woodlawn churches.

It has dismissed Rev. G. S. Robinson to Eastern Texas Presbytery and Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff to Wilmington Presbytery, and candidate C. B. Ratchford to the care of North Alabama Presbytery.

It has elected Rev. James Russell Evangelist of Presbytery.

It has lost by death, Rev. W. B. White.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT,

Stated Clerk.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 25 ministers and 33 churches, and it has under its care 1 licentiate and 1 candidate for the ministry.

It has one general evangelist and two evangelists in special

fields.

Presbytery has ordained H. R. Murchison and installed him-

pastor of Blackville and Richland Churches.

It has received Rev. W. W. Brimm from the Presbytery of Macon, and has dismissed licentiate Leroy G. Henderson to the Presbytery of Macon, and licentiate Jas. A. Dorritee to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

It has dropped Messrs. J. M. Duffin and J. H. Drose from the

roll of candidates for the ministry.

H. G. GILLAND, Stated Clerk:

ENOREE PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of 26 ministers and 55 churches, and has under its care 13 candidates for the ministry. It has organized one new church at Whitney, and has appointed commissions to organize at five other points if the way be clear.

It has dismissed Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D., to Orange Presbytery, and licentiate R. L. Rogers to the care of South Carolina Presbytery, and W. R. Minter to the care of Mecklenburg

Presbytery.

It has installed Rev. J. F. Jacobs pastor of Friendship Church; and has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. E. Robertson and Spartan Mill Church, that he may give his whole time to Limestone Church; and between Rev. W. L. Boggs and Antioch, Centre Point, Mt. Tabor (G) and Woodruff Churches, that he may serve as Presbyterial Evangelist.

Mr. Ralph Deal has been received as a candidate for the ministry, and the names of candidates J. W. Rammage, F. G. Mc-Hugh and R. A. Smith have been dropped from the roll.

W. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 13 ministers, 29 churches, and has under its care 2 licentiates and 2 candidates.

Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth has been dismissed to Cherokee-

Presbytery.

Rev. J. C. Bailey Jr., has been installed pastor of Summerton,

Wedgefield and Tirzah Churches.

Rev. C. M. Richards has been installed pastor of Turkey

Creek Church.

Candidate J. Ashby Dick has been licensed to preach the

gospel.

The Rev. D. X. Lafar has been removed from among us by

The Rev. D. X. Lafar has been removed from among us by death.

W. W. MILLS, Stated Clerk.

PEE DRE PRESBYTERY

Reports to Synod that it consists of 12 ministers and 24 churches.

It has installed Rev. J. W. McClure pastor of the Hopewell Church, and Rev. E. C. Bailey pastor of the Timmonsville and Fairhope Churches.

It has dropped the name of candidate J. M. McNaull at his

own request.

It has dismissed licentiate D. B. McLauchlin to the care of

Nebraska City Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. H. B. Zernow and the Marion and Dumbarton Churches. It has received licentiate C. E. Hodgin from Fayetteville Presbytery, ordained him and made arrangements for his installation as pastor of the Bennettsville and Red Bluff Churches.

A. H. McARN, Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery

Reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it comprises 24 ministers and 61 churches, and has under its care 2 licentiates and 6 candidates.

That it has received the Rev. Robt. H. Nall, D.D., from Dallas Presbytery and installed him pastor of Greenwood Church; Rev. J. L. Williamson from Mecklenburg Presbytery and installed him pastor of Aveleigh Church. Licentiate J. F. Mc-Kinnon from Enoree Presbytery, ordained and installed him pastor, for three-fourths of his time, over Upper Long Cane, and for one-fourth, over Little Mountain churches.

That it has organized one Church, New Willington, at Wil-

lington Station in Abbeville county.

That it has dismissed the Rev. E. W. Williams and the 3rd

Church of Abbeville to the Presbytery of Abbeville.

That it has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. G. G. Mayes and the Walhalla Church, and has placed in his hands calls from Edgefield, Trenton and Johnston Churches.

That it has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J.

A. Wilson and Seneca Church and allowed him to accept the

office of Synodical Evangelist in Pee Dee Presbytery.

It has dismissed licentiate W. W. Sadler to the Presbytery of Bethel.

G. G. MAYES, Stated Clerk.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina.

I.

CONTINGENT FUND.

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То	Balance in hand at last report \$	25	28			
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By remitted to W. J. Duffie, Treas. for Students	\$160 00
Balance in hand at close of year	114 12

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The Students, Messrs. Haffner and Ratchford, aided last year, having graduated, the Faculty of the Theological Seminary have recommended for this year Messrs F. D. Jones and J. C. Scott, South Carolina students, for the present year as the beneficiaries of the fund.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

III.

NARRATIVE.

The Committee on the Narrative would present their report as follows:

Reports having been received from all of the six Presbyteries, which now include a total of 130 ministers, and 263 churches. There are 8 licentiates, 33 candidates, and a membership of nearly 20,000, a body of Christians which ought to do great things for Christ and his Church.

The tone of these reports is unusually encouraging. In only a few instances are the items presented in a desponding way.

Everywhere, the attendance on the services of the sanctuary is represented as in a satisfactory condition. Our people are open to the preaching of the gospel, and take a delight in the ordinances of God's house.

In several of the Presbyteries there is record of considerable interest in urging the family altar. Some report neglect of this

important dnty.

Among Presbyterian people, there seems to be an awakened conscience in the matter of Sabbath observance, and distress over its neglect. In the State at large the day is free for the most part of any special disorder, but newspapers are published and trains are run on the Lord's day.

There is zeal for Sabbath School instruction. Nor do we believe that there is any special neglect of home instruction of

the youth of our families.

One Presbytery reports over much conformity to the world on the part of its young people; the others do not seem to have any special trouble in this direction.

All the Presbyteries report an improvement in the systematic contributions of the churches, and regularity in the payment

of pastors' salaries.

There has been no special outpouring upon the churches, of the Holy Spirit, still the majority of our churches report additions. No church has been dissolved and several organized. About one hundred churches report no additions. Nevertheless the Synod has made steady progress in the increase of its com-

municant membership.

On the whole, the reports from the Presbyteries indicate a healthy state of church life, both as to spirituality and activity.

W. P. JACOBS,

Chairman.

IV.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In presenting this, its Annual Report to the Synod, your Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit:

1st. By way of preface, that, for the facts herein collated, it is indebted chiefly to the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions as presented to the General Assembly at Charlotte, and is limited for the most part to the period cov-

ered by the same.

2nd. The progress of our beloved Church in this department of Christian labor has been steady and encouraging, both as respects the number of laborers in the field and the area covered by their labors. Eleven new Missionaries were sent ont during the Assembly! year, raising the number on its roll to 150; since then a few more have been added to the list. Their labors have received the signal attest of the Holy Ghost in the addition of 508 to the membership of the Church in its Mission field.

3rd. The debt which, a year ago, rested on the Church, was reported at the Assembly as entirely lifted, with a small surplus in the treasury. By reason of the extra demand since made upon it in the sending out of reinforcements, this surplus has been exhausted, and a debt incurred amounting to about \$2,000.00. The October collections, it is hoped, will not only liquidate this debt, but will also so replenish the treasury as that no backward steps will be necessary.

4th. The Collections from the churches under your care, as reported to the Assembly by its Treasurer of Foreign Missions, amounted to \$11,293.45; and is credited to the several Presby-

teries as follows:

Bethel	\$3,278 84
Charleston	
Enoree	
Harmony	
Pee Dee	749.78
South Carolina	1 797 26

This is a gain of \$572.86 over the contributions of the preced-

ing year. Only one of your Presbyteries showed a falling off, viz: South Carolina, and it is to the amount of \$237.71.

Bethel increased her contribution by \$385.19; Charleston, \$49.51; Enoree, \$37.23; Harmony, \$201.80; Pee Dee, \$136.84.

5th. A glance at the same Report reveals the lamentable fact that 1,034 churches under the Assembly's care gave nothing to Foreign Missions during the entire year. Of this number 75 belong to the Synod of South Carolina; and are distributed as follows; Bethel, 11; Charleston, 20; Enoree, 13; Harmony, 4; Pee Dee, 9; South Carolina, 18. In the judgment of your Committee this item deserves your thoughtful consideration, that some method may be devised to remedy the evil.

6th. Since your last meeting one of your missionaries, Rev. W. B. White, after a long and painful illness, has entered into rest—prematurely closing on earth an exemplary and beautiful Christian life which gave promise of great usefulness. A deep shadow has also fallen on our beloved brother, that nestor of the China Mission, Dr. DuBose—in the death of his lovely, accomplished and devoted missionary daughter, Mrs. Pauline DuBose Little. Assured that minutes will be prepared by your venerable body, expressive of its sympathies and love under both of these sorrowful dispensations, no suggestions are offered.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend as follows: 1st. That individual churches, if able, be urged to undertake the support of individual Missionaries; and that, if not able alone, then to unite with one or more contiguous churches in doing so.

2nd. That the Presbyteries be encouraged to group their churches into Missionary Circles, each Circle to consist of all the ministers and churches in that County. That these Circles, when organized, be under the superintendence of the Chairman of their own Presbyterial Executive Committee. That each Circle hold at least one stated meeting during the year; the meeting to be opened with a sermon or address on Foreign Missions by the Presbyterial Chairman, or such other minister as he may designate, and a Conference then be held on appropriate missionary topics: and this with the view to instruct the minds of our people, arouse their consciences, and thus awaken their profounder interest in this greatest of all causes.

3rd. That the Sessions of our churches be requested to devise more effective methods for the introduction of *The Missionary*, published in Nashville, Tenn., into all the families of their respective congregations.

4th. That the above recommendations be read from the pul-

pits of all our churches, so far as may be practicable.

5th. That your Permanent Committee be so re-organized as to consist of the *chairmen* of all the Presbyterial Executive Committees of Foreign Missions, and such Ruling Elders as

Synod may designate. The said Committee to hold one ad interim meeting between the sessions of Synod; and this with the view to a more intelligent, concerted, and effective prosecution of the work; and to giving the Synod what, as yet, it has never had—an up-to-date report.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of your Committee,
J. LOWRIE WILSON,

Chairman.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL EVANGELIZATION.

The Committee on Synodical Home Missions appointed by the last Synod begs leave to make the following report of its work during the last year.

The Committee has held six meetings, all of which were in Columbia, except one in Orangeburg just after our appoint-

ment and one in Darlington during this Synod.

It is with profound sorrow that we report the death of one of our number during the year, Mr. Wm. A. Nicholson of Union. His heart was deeply interested in this work and the Committee has missed his wise counsel and timely encouragement. We submit to the will of God who has called our coworker from the church militant to the church triumphant.

At our first meeting in Orangeburg, we elected the Rev. N. J. Holmes as our general evangelist on a salary of \$1500 and necessary travelling expenses, whose business it has been to present the cause to our churches and solicit contributions from the people. Mr. Holmes accepted our call, but did not enter upon the work till the first of January. Since that time, excepting a short vacation during the summer, he has been faithfully at work. It affords us pleasure to bear testimony to the earnestness, zeal, ability, and good judgment which he has manifested in the management of his part of the work. He has presented the cause in person to 64 churches within the bounds of the four presbyteries co-operating in this work and has secured in subscriptions \$484158 to the cause, the most of which was to be paid in thirty days. We have been very much encouraged with the reception Mr. Holmes has met in the churches and with the response the people have made in the way of contributions. Everywhere he has gone, he has met with a warm welcome and the cause which he represents seems to have found a permanent lodgment in the hearts of the people. While it has not been a duty imposed on Bro. Holmes to conduct evangelistic meetings, he has to a limited extent been allowed to do so when requested by pastors and when such work did not interfere with his work as our agent in such meetings conducted by him.

Seventy persons have made a public profession of religion under the preaching of Mr. Holmes during his active connection with this work, fifty-eight of whom have been received into the communion of the Presbyterian Church.

Under the direction of the Committee Mr. Holmes made a visit to Georgetown in June to investigate the claims of that point as a suitable place for locating an evangelist for Harmony Presbytery. After working and preaching for several days in the place, he secured a petition signed by 8 persons asking Harmony Presbytery to organize a Presbyterian church in Georgetown. We are glad to report that a Presbyterian church has been organized in Georgetown by Harmony Presbytery, consisting of 8 members and with a promising outlook before it. This announcement will certainly bring joy to its members of the Synod as our wants have longed many years for this end. This is, as far as we know, the first Presbyterian church that has ever existed in the county of Georgetown.

The Rev. W. L. Boggs of Enoree Presbytery and the Rev. J. A. Wilson of South Carolina Presbytery have been elected by the Committee as Presbyterial Evangelists for one year from the time of their entrance upon their work, the former on a salary of \$1000 and the latter on a salary of \$900. Mr. Boggs was assigned work in Enoree Presbytery and Mr. Wilson work in Pee Dee Presbytery. These brethren accepted the call which we gave them to this work and entered their respective fields of labor on the first of August. Judging from their reports, we believe they have already done a good work, and we think they are now in a position to accomplish still more.

Mr. Boggs has organized one church with 22 members, resuscitated another that seemed to be almost dead, and has established two mission stations where he hopes soon to have Pres-

byterian churches.

Mr. Wilson has held six protracted meetings in Marion and Marlboro counties, preaching 96 times. He has also visited 118 homes. Twenty four (24) persons have been received into the churches visited—14 on examination and 10 by letter. At Kentyre about \$105 was raised in cash and by subscription, to aid in the erection of a house of worship at Dillon, a flourishing town in Marion County, where resides 18 or 20 Presbyterians. At Clio, a growing town in Marlboro County, were found 20 Presbyterians, who were encouraged to petition Pee Dee Presbytery to organize them into a church. They and their sympathizers were visited by the Evangelist and Rev. C. E. Hodgin and asked to contribute to aid in the erection of a house of worship in Clio. The sum of \$368.75 was subscribed.

At Society Hill two Elders were ordained and installed and this little church which has just completed a neat house of worship was induced to petition Presbytery to give them regular preaching, promising \$250 support for one fourth a man's time. Eight dollars and twenty-five cents has been collected

for Synodical Evangelization.

The following Presbyteries at their meetings last Spring decided to co operate with the Synod through its Committee and recommended the cause to their people: Bethel, Enoree, Harmony and Pee Dee. The Presbyteries of Charleston and South Carolina could not see their way clear, just at this time to do so. So the work of the Committee has been confined to the four Presbyteries co operating. If all the Presbyteries in our Synod would unite their forces and resources and concentrate them on this work, our beloved Church in this Commonwealth would make more rapid progress than she has ever made before.

The tables appended, show what churches this cause has been presented to and the amounts subscribed and the amounts they

have paid.

From these figures it will be seen that fourteen churches in Bethel Presbytery contributed \$941.55, that 25 churches in Enoree Presbytery have contributed \$1,388.71, that 7 churches in Harmony Presbytery have contributed \$444.00, and that 8 Churches in Pee Dee Presbytery have contributed \$487.34.

The following amounts have been received from individual persons: Rev. N. J. Holmes, \$200, Mr. John McSween, \$100, Mrs. Rebecca Nicholson \$50, Rev. W. G. Neville \$50, Rev. R. P. Pell \$5, Rev. H. B. Zernow \$10, and Mr. W. S. Hunter \$5.

We received \$40.26, Synodical collection last year, and \$15 interest on money deposited in bank.

Our expenditures have been as follows:

Salary of Rev. N. J. Holmes	\$1,250 0.0
Expense of " " "	116 39
Salary of Rev. W. L. Boggs	
Salary of Rev. J. A. Wilson	
Expense of Committee	

Total amount of Expenditures	\$1,861 64

To recapitulate, Money received:

From Churches	\$3.262 60
From individual persons	420 00
Synodical Collection	40 26
Interest on Money in Bank	15 00

Total Amount of Money Rec'd. \$3,737 86 This leaves in the Treasury at this time \$1,876.22, with the evangelists paid to the first of November.

We acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of the following railroads for granting us substantial favors: The Southern Railway Company gave us one 1000 mile ticket to be used by Mr. Holmes in his work in this State, and the Seaboard Air Line and Port Royal & Western Carolina gave us free passes over their lines of road in this State for Mr. Holmes for 1897.

We feel that the Synod would like to know what our policy has been along certain lines in conducting this work. On this

we would say:

1. We have endeavored to keep in the closest touch with the Presbyteries. At our meeting in January, we appointed individual members of the Committee to appear before the Presbyteries at their Spring meetings and solicit their co-operation; and we were careful after this to respect the rights, not only of those Presbyteries which could not see their way clear to co-operate with the Synod in this work, but also of those which did decide to do so. We have made, we think, a faithful effort not to involve the Synod and its work in a mistake along this line. While we realize that the work of Home Missions in South Carolina belongs to all the Presbyterians in the State; yet, at the same time, we realize that we are living under a Form of Government that is dear to all of us.

2. Our policy has not been to use sensational methods, because we want no reaction to take place in the minds of the people. We have tried to act in such a way as to secure and hold the confidence of the people, and, at the same time, to encourage them to take part in the great enterprise. We hope that the foundation is being laid for great progress in the Home Mission field in South Carolina; and we know that foundation work, while it is important and absolutely necessary to permanent success, makes very little exhibition of itself to the

casual observer.

3. Our policy has been to use no high pressure methods in order to secure subscriptions of money from the people. The cause has been presented simply upon its merits and the people

have been left free to give as they saw proper.

In view of the preceding statements your Committee feels that this work should be continued for another year and that its management should be again placed in the hands of a Committee appointed at this meeting. We think also that an apportionment should be made among the churches in the Presbyteries co-operating in this work to support and continue what has already been done. Our judgment is that \$4200 should be asked for this purpose.

In conclusion, we report that we have felt greatly encouragged. The people are very much interested in the cause and we now place it upon the heart and conscience of the Synod. We believe that the call which comes to us in the providence of God to do this work is an urgent one. Great opportunities are now open to us as a Synod. These opportunities bring with them corresponding responsibilities. If the people who are now living in South Carolina out of Christ are everbrought to him, it must be done by the Christian people living in our borders, and it must be done during this generation or soon thereafter. For we need not expect Christians from other States to come and evangelize our people, and it is a delusion to expect them to be saved in the next world after they have rejected the gospel in this world.

May the blessed Spirit of God lead us as a Synod in this great work, so that through our humble labors many souls may be saved and so that the Redeemer's Kingdom may be built up in our borders; and to God's holy name we will give

all the praise.

Respectfully submitted, W. G. NEVILLE, Chairman.

T.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Synod will doubtless hear with pleasure that there are evidences of decided progress in its Home Mission work during the last year. This is matter for thanksgiving to God, as there had been, seemingly, much indifference to this important work. The evidences of progress as we gather them are as follows:

1. The increased number of evangelists. One was reported one year ago. Eight have been laboring for all or part of the

last year.

Bethel and Charleston Presbyteries have each had an evangelist at large, and Charleston two in limited fields, and support-

ed them.

Synod itself, in its much needed activity, has furnished three one to the Synod at large, one to Enoree and one to Pee Dec Presbyteries.

2. Revivals of religion are reported by Bethel, Pee Dee and South Carolina Presbyteries, and additions to the church rolls.

- 3. Four churches have been organized; one by Harmony, one by South Carolina, and two by Enoree. Bethel, Enoree and Pee Dee have good prospects for the organization of several soon.
- 4. New territory has been occupied in most of the Presbyteries reporting an efficient mission work done.

5. By attention to systematic grouping of weak churches,

mearly all the weak churches have had pastors or regular supplies given them. In four of the five reporting Presbyteries there have only been six vacant churches.

6. Several houses of worship have been built or repaired, and one group of churches has undertaken the building of a manse

for its pastor.

7. About \$2,182 has been collected for Local Home Hissions in Bethel, Harmony, Pee Dee and South Carolina Presbyterics.

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sions and reports \$495 contributed.

The Committee is disappointed in not having a report from Charleston Presbytery and none on Assembly's Home Missions from any except Bethel

The Committee recommends:

First—That Presbyteries be encouraged to give diligent attention to a wise and systematic grouping of weak churches

and to helping them secure pastors.

Second—That Synod enjoin Presbyteries to make reports to Synod on Assembly's Home Missions within their bounds, as this is the only way this subject can pass under the review of Synod.

M. R. Kirkpatrick Chairman.

VII.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The most satisfactory reports on Elucation come from the Chairmen of Charleston and Enorce Presbyteries. From reports of Presbyteries and other sources we glean the following facts:

The number of Candidates reported to last Assembly was 378 and of licentiates 90. It is noticeable that there has been a decline of about 20 in the number of candidates each year for the past three years. Of the above numbers 37 candidates and 3 licentiates belong to Synod of South Carolina, showing a decline of 5 in the number of our candidates since last year.

Fourteen this year, against 16 last Felly are at College: Six

each are at Davidson and Clinton, and two at the S. C. College. Fifteen this year, against 19 last year, are in the Seminary; 13 at Columbia, one at Erskine and 1 at Princeton.

Two are studying privately under a Committee of ministers

in Charleston.

Five this year against 10 last year are reported as not studying, mainly for lack of means. Six have been dropped this year against 2 last year. Three, one each from Pee Dee, Harmony and Bethel, requested to be dropped. Enoree dropped three because they turned aside from their preparation for the ministry.

As to aid and contributions.

1. Presbyteries and the Central Committee.

Bethel received aid for 8, in all, \$543.45 and contributed \$361.81

Charleston received no aid and contributed \$117.91.

Enoree received aid for 7, in all \$415,65 and contributed \$39255-Harmony received aid for 1, in all \$50 00 and contributed \$175.-90.

South Carolina " " 6 " 403,30 " " 386.85 Pee Dee " " 1 " 50.00 " " 85.00 Twenty-three of our students were aided by the Central Com-

mittee this year against twenty-five last year.

They received \$1,462.40 against \$1,724.95 last year. Our total contribution from churches and individuals to the Committee's Treasury is \$1,726 this year. This is \$264 more than we drew out. Last year we contributed \$1,798 or \$73 more than we drew out.

Bethel reports \$200 and Charleston \$1,032 given directly to candidates. Charleston's total contribution to education is \$1,-150, the largest in our Synod.

The total contribution from the Synod, both direct and indi-

rect, as reported is \$2,958.

Only 161 Churches and 2 societies contributed to the Central

Committee, distributed as follows:

Bethel 37, Charleston 13, Enoree 38, Harmony 26, Pee Dee 16, South Carolina 34. In our Synod 97 Churches give nothing for the education of our ministry.

2. Presbyteries and students fund:

Nine students from this Synod received aid, five from South Carolina, three from Bethel and one from Enoree, amounting to \$825. This is \$75 less than we drew last year.

3. As to diligence and deportment of Candidates:

The reports from all quarters are good and many very encouraging, except in the case of two candidates belonging to South Carolina Presbytery.

4. As to past directions of Synod:

None of the Presbyterial Committees know whether the cause-

of education and the subject of a call to the ministry are brought by their ministers to the attention of their congregations.

Only three Presbyteries, South Carolina, Bethel and Enoree, furnish their candidates with certificates of permission to enter the Seminary.

All Presbyteries require candidates to report by letter or in person to each meeting and have their reports from institu-

tions read in open Presbytery.

No special testing system or method of examination is employed. Charleston reports that the examinations of her candidates are becoming more satisfactory and their scholarship is improving.

All Presbyteries require explanations of those not engaged in study, and notify those aided, that if dropped, for any cause,

they should refund money received.

Pee Dee, South Carolina and Charleston bring before candidates aided the special claim of Home Mission work upon them.

As evidences of the increasing care of Presbyteries in the reception and oversight of candidates, we note the following standing rules recently adopted:

1. Charleston and Enoree require of each one applying for their care, a formal written certificate from his session, stating their conviction that he is fitted physically, mentally and spiritually for the work of the ministry.

2. Enorge notifies her candidates that a failure to report to two successive meetings of Presbytery will be considered sufficient reason for dropping them unless satisfactorily explained.

3. Harmony requires candidates seeking her care to respond

to the following questions:

(1). In the event of your being taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry, do you engage to be subject to its oversight, direction and control in all matters pertaining to your education and training for the same?

(2); To this end, do you engage by semi-annual communications either directly with Presbytery itself or through its Committee of Education, to keep the Presbytery informed as to all which it has a right to know of your locality, your employments, your progress in study and in grace, your needs and the like?

(3). If at present or hereafter in the course of your preparation you should require aid from the Church to help you either in whole or in part to prosecute your studies, do you engage to seek this aid only as and to the extent that circumstances make it truly needful that you should do so? And furthermore, if from any cause short of a plain providential hindrance, you should turn aside from seeking the ministry, do you en rage to make an honest effort to refund such amount as you may have, received from the Church?

(4). And finally, do you engage to be diligent and faithful in the use of your time and opportunities while preparing for the solemn responsibilities of the gospel ministry? And that you will assidiously cultivate gravity and discreetness of manner together with that godly sincerity of heart, speech and behavior which becomes one who professes to seek the office of ambassador for Christ?

We heartily recommend each of these rules to the attention

of all the Presbyteries of our Synod.

We call attention to the fact that students under the care of our Presbyteries sometimes drop studies required by our standards without the knowledge or consent of Presbyterial Committees; we urge that enquire carefully into the courses of study pursued by their several candidates.

B. P. REID, Chairman.

VIII.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Never before in the history of the American Bible Society have there been louder calls and wider opportunities for the maintenance and expansion of its work than at the present time. The increasing use of the Bible in our own land has kept up a demand for it in the home field perhaps greater than ever in the past; and the progress of Missions has opened up doors for its circulation in the foreign field, wider and more effectual than ever before since the Word was given. But while the great Head of the Church has been beckoning on this important agency of: His appointment to new fields and grander opportunities of service, He has at the same time strangely hampered its operations and hindered its progress by subjecting it to unprecedented financial straits and embarrassments, which have seriously restricted its work and almost threatened its continued existence. For instance, the receipts of the last fiscal year—ending March 31—including both legacies and the gifts of the living, fell \$77,000 short of the expenses of the work, even after considerable curtailment, which amount added to the shortage of the year previous, made a deficit for the two years of over \$156,000. In consequence, the Society has been compelled to stop all colportage work in the home field, to reduce its appropriations to missionary agencies, for the first time in its history to decline for lack of funds to print two translations of Scripture which had been made and were much needed in the field, and to consider radical changes in its plans looking to the reduction of its expenses. It has been able to go

on thus far without incurring debt only through the use of funds held in reserve, the remnant of a large legacy received several years ago, which funds are now well nigh exhausted.

The peril which thus confronts us by virtue of the important interest we have centred in the work of the American Bible Society, calls for careful consideration on our part as a Synod. Should the Bible Society be driven from the field or effectually crippled in its operations, how would we supply our families, our Sabbath schools, or our home mission fields with the Scriptures? or how provide for the translation, printing and distribution of the Word of God, so necessary in our foreign missions? So accustomed are we to enjoying the rich benefits accruing to us from this great agency instituted by our fathers SI years ago, that we seldom pause to estimate them or perceive how dependent we are upon them; but their loss to us would entail a calamity too hurtful and far reaching for us adequately to measure.

Now the practical question is, What can we do to avert it? Let us seek the answer by turning to statistics. From the reports of the Presbyteries to the last Assembly, we gather the following figures, which doubtless cover the contributions to local Bible Work as well as that conducted directly by the American Bible Society, whose receipts from our churches amount to \$315.17.

Of Bethel Presbytery, 28 churches report \$199, leaving 31 churches non-contributing.

Of Charleston Presbytery, 8 churches report \$118, leaving 25 churches non-contributing.

Of Enoree Presbytery, 12 churches report \$63, leaving 43 churches non-contributing.

Of Harmony Presbytery, 11 churches report \$29, leaving 18 churches non-contributing.

Of Pee Dee Presbytery, 6 churches report \$35, leaving 18 churches non-contributing.

Of South Carolina Presbytery, 20 churches report \$84, leaving 41 churches non-contributing.

Total \$528.

Thus only 85 Churches, out of 261, report any contributions at all for the Bible Cause, leaving 176 which report nothing. And the reports show that the contributing churches average only \$6.21, the churches all counted together, but \$2, and the communicants of the Synod about 2\frac{2}{3} cents. Now it is evident from these facts that the obligation to contribute to this cause is not generally recognized by our churches, and the contributions made are, in most cases rather nominal than expressive of an appreciation of the needs and importance of the work. But if every church would send forward an annual contribution even in keeping with some that are made by churches of our Synod,

we would do our part in maintaining the American Bible Soci-

ety.

We therefore recommend that Synod again urgs all our ministers and sessions to consider the claims of this most needful work, and to encourage their people to contribute regularly and liberally for its support.

Respectfully submitted,
In behalf of the Committee.
Thos. H. Law, Chairman.

IX.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

The report of this Committee consists of two parts: First, The work of Colored Evangelization proper. Second, The condition of the Industrial School at Abbeville.

I.

Colored Evangelization proper—Following the policy of our Southern Church, as outlined in the deliverances of the General Assembly—as indicated in the resolutions of our Synod, and as expressed in the action of at least two of our Presbyteries during the past year two Independent Presbyteries of negropreachers and churches have been erected, viz: The Presbytery

of Abbeville and the Presbytery of Chester

The personel of each of these Presbyteries is peculiar. One or two very good men are to be found in them; Ministers who are Presbyterians. But it seems that the rest are the disaffected and unemployed of other denominations who hurriedly came together from the four quarters of the ecclesiastical heavensor merely sent their names and were duly organized into Presbyteries without churches—and without Elders. The Presbytery of Abbeville was erected with but one church. The Presbytery of Chester without even one. But churches or no churches; the poor unwelcome negro must organize into separate and independent Presbyteries. Then we will help him-then will bedevelop his powers. And such would have been the result, and such will be the result under favorable conditions—and may God speed that day! But what has been the result from this. almost forced organization. Instead of a lusty, ebony infant, drawing its sustenance from the generous breast of its whitefoster-mother, we have a little black baby, puny, feebly crying, barely alive, because forced to an untimely birth.

But, to drop the significant figure, there has been some development; two or three new churches have been organized, several Sabbath Schools are maintained, and preaching points

established, and the door is opened wide for others to enter and preach and teach Presbyterian Christianity. But it is impossible to do this without a Presbyterian, trained ministry. The galvanized article will not do. Whitewashing with Presbyterian blue white-wash will not answer. To be Presbyterian, the negro must be dyed in the wool.

FINANCES.

The Synod recommended last Fall at Orangeburg that 75 per cent. of the regular December collections be retained for use in our own bounds, and 25 per cent. be sent to Dr. Phillips in aid of the Assembly's Central Committee at Tuscaloosa. Had this been done your Committee would have had \$537—and Dr. Phillips \$179. But because the churches disregarded the recommendation of Synod, Dr. Phillips received \$567 and your Committee \$149. In other words, your Committee received \$30 less than 25 per cent. and Dr. Phillips \$388 more than he should have done.

DISBURSEMENTS.

What did we do with our little pile of \$149? Your Committee paid one preacher for 8 months work, \$74 and \$10 for moving him from Abbeville to Pendleton, \$36 for seating the old white church there, \$35 to Rev. E. W. Williams, for his travelling expenses, \$15, to Rev. W. W. Hall, to Rev. J. P. Saunders, and some other committee expenses, all of which sum up \$194—about \$50 more than we had. But in the Presbytery of South Carolina, an extra collection was ordered on the 5th Sabbath of April or May.

But more than this was done. When your Committee was first called together to meet in Abbeville, none of them met the Chairman. But a crisis in the running of the School at Abbeville did meet him; and after consultation with Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson, and upon a survey of the estimated collections from the churches (not dreaming that Dr. Phillip's treasury would receive more than our 75 per cent.) your Chairman was compelled, in order to save the School from mid-winter collapse to borrow \$300 to pay Rev. E. W. Williams' most clamoring necessities, and to enable him to continue his work, and to maintain the honor of Southern Presbyterianism. We were compelled, for the Central Committee could not pay one cent. The 5th Recommendation of last Synod was construed as giving the warrant to take this action.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE WORK.

At present, owing to the cruel mistake of the treasurers of our churches, the work is sadly lanquishing. The minister in charge at Pendleton and Calhoun has receded from his work there. Rev. W. W. Hall in Chester county is still at work. Mr. Saunders is working at Hickory Flat and Seneca. Rev.

E. W. Williams is in the North, doing all in his power to raise funds for the Industrial School, but meeting with little material encouragement. He has visited also the Presbytery of Maryland and the Synod of Virginia. The Presbytery of North and South Carolina is maintaining its existence, but needs money and encouragement.

The Colored ministers of the Northern Church are watching our movements with interest, and are ready to enter into our

labors when we confess failure.

THE FERGUSON AND WILLIAMS SCHOOL.

With reference to this Institution, matters have reached a crisis—a crisis that must be met—and met before the year closes.

Without reflecting upon any one specially, but complaining that the Synod and the General Assembly each failed to look on all sides of this question, it does seem that a most deplorable condition exists, with regard to this school.

Permit a brief review of the facts:

In 1895 the offer was made to the General Assembly to take charge of the school, to buy the property, and to run the institution in some sort of connection with the colored work of our Church. As the property was well worth its price, and as a most valuable man would become available to us, the Central Committee viewed with favor the purchase and control of the school-and the proposition was made that if the Synod of South Corolina would raise \$2,000, the Assembly would raise \$5,000. At Rock Hill this proposition was accepted. The whole amount was \$7,000, of this amount \$5,100 was the cost of the land and buildings therein represented in a mortgage to the Bank which had covered it since Apr. 1894. The remaining \$1,900 was due as interest on the two mortgages; as salaries due the teachers; as outstanding bills for the running expenses of the school; and part was a claim of Rev. E. W. Williams to cover money which he himself had expended of his own means on the college building or furnishing.

In or after the conference held between Dr. Phillips and Rev. S. L. Wilson, the Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Colored Evangelization, as the amount covered by mortgage to the Bank of Abbeville, namely \$5,100 was about the Assembly's part of the purchase money, and the \$1,900 was about what the Synod should raise as just as much a part of the debt on the institution as that protected by the mortgage, it was decided to apply what was raised by the Synod towards the liquidation of the debts enumerated above; \$689.16 was the amount so applied, and the former committee finding the receipts inadequate to relieve the situation, borrowed \$300, giving their personal endorsements to the note to relieve the situation. Thus matters stood one year ago.

Since then about \$100 has come into the Synodical Treasury for this cause and as part of the money was due to Williams personally, it was paid to him to bear his expenses on a trip North in the interests of the school.

Now, brethren, here is the painful part of this report, and

your earnest attention is asked to it.

The Central Committee has not been able to pay a single dollar towards the purchase of the property, or the support of the school, or to the travelling expenses even of Mr. Williams. The small gifts of the Synod, and the indorsement of the Synod's Committee alone have stood between that school and utter collapse and shame and humilitation and disgrace. But we can't pay \$2,000 with \$700, nor can we keep the interest from accruing at the rate of over \$400 a year. Steadily, steadily, up, up, up has the interest risen, day and night and Sunday too, till the whole amount due the Bank is on the 1st day of Nov. \$5,-100 x \$1,456.63, amounting to \$6,556.63, and the executioner's hammer is ready to foreclose the mortgage, and the Freedman's Board of the Northern Church is watching the outcome of our magnificent attempt to assist the negro, whose best friends we are. But a Christian gentleman, whose heart is in the work, is holding back the arm that wields the hammer, till this Synod shall say whether it must be sold or the execution stayed. Shall the Synod surrender or shall it so forward?

Let us answer by asking, Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has given us a work to do for him among the negroes at and within our doors? If it is not his will—if it is not part of the work he has given us to do, let us frankly so declare—being honest with ourselves. But if we sincerely feel this to be part of his will for us, we must not, we cannot, we dare not shirk it. If we believe that he guides us by his Holy Spirit, when we meet at a court to consider the interests of his kingdom in every part of it, how can we in his name here pass resolutions to his glory, and, returning to our fields of labor, neglect to do our utmost to carry out these resolutions? Brethren, let us vote them down, if we do not believe them his will, or acknowledge them his, and then our duty to obey his commands.

CONCLUSION.

At present though Mr. Williams is at the North, the school has been duly opened and is entering upon, we trust, a successful year, on a more paying basis because more limited in number of students better able to pay.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend to the Presbyteries to secure the refunding to the Synod of the \$388 sent by mistake to the Central Committee, same to be paid over to the Synod's Committee.

2. That all funds raised within our Synod for Colored Evangelization during the next year, be retained and placed in the

hands of the Synodical Committee, and that the churches be notified through the Presbyteries by their Committees during November.

3. That the Standing Committee devise some plan, and report to this Synod, whereby the financial overthrow of the Abbeville

school may be averted.

4. That the name of the Institution at Abbeville be changed to

The J. Leighton Wilson Institute.

5. That the Synod give the Committee more definite instructions concerning the management of the work entrusted to them.

J. N. H. SUMMERELL, Chairman.



X.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee would report that they have had this subject of Church and Christian Education under their consideration, and find that during the past year there has been no material change in the general feature of this work, and nothing has transpired claiming the special notice of this Synod.

Your Committee believes that the importance of this subject should be faithfully and frequently brought to the attention of our churches and people. As we consider this matter we are

confronted with the following facts:

1. That the Presbyterian Church has emphasized in the past the duty and the necessity of giving our children and youth a religious education in the home, in the school and in the college.

2. That the faithful and efficient work of the Church at home and abroad, depends upon a liberally educated membership in the teachings of God's word, as set forth in the

Standards of our Church.

3. That to meet the demand of this age for well qualified and well equipped workers in Christ's Kingdom, a more systematic and organized effort must be made by the Church to instill the great truths of God's word into the hearts and minds of our youth.

The scope of the work now being done in one way or another by the Church within the bounds of this Synod can be seen by an enumeration of the institutions engaged in Christian Ed-

ucation.

The Presbyterian College of South Carolina, located at Clinton, S. C., had last year sixty of our young men under its care. This institution has done, is doing, and we trust that it will

continue to do, a noble work along the line of Church Education. There is taught there a course of Bible instruction.

The Presbyterian College for Women in the city of Columbia, is owned and controlled by Presbyterians. It has a faculty of seventeen teachers and had last year 108 pupils and has a larger attendance this year than last. There is a classical, scientific and literary degree of A. B. given. Also the Bacheior of Music is conferred. There is a four years' course required in Bible study and in addition to this, the college offers an elective course in Presbyterian Doctrine and History. The course of study, embraces the following six departments: Preparatory, Collegiate, Music, Art, Elecution and Commercial. The grade required for admission into regular classes is the same as that for admission in any of the male colleges.

In addition to those mentioned, there is the Chicora College at Greenville, Clifford Seminary at Union, Reidville College and the High School at Reidville, Presbyterian High School under the control of the Second Church in Columbia, the High School at Rock Hill, under the control of Davidson College, and

last, but not least, the Thornwell Orphanage.

Your Committee cannot report the facts touching the work done by these institutions of learning for lack of information, except in the case of the Thornwell Orphanage. Your Committee find in the 22nd Annual Report of this institution, that it taught last year 165 children, and to support and teach them cost in round numbers \$15000. In this school the Catechisms of the Church are taught and a course given in Biblical Literature.

The following is recommended:

1. The Synod learns with pleasure that so many of the schools and colleges are now teaching the Word of God and the Standards of the Church as a part of their course of study.

2. That Parochial and Presbyterial schools be commended to our people and pastors, as the best means of advancing the

cause of Church and Christian Education.

3. That the Synod cordially invites any of our Colleges, male or female, to establish high schools within the bounds of the different Presbyteries, and so far as is possible the Synod stands ready to give encouragement to this end.

Respectfully submitted,
ALEXANDER SPRUNT, Chairman.

XI.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Columbia Theological Semimary respectfully submits the following report to the four controlling Synods for the year ending May 13th, 1897:

The number of students in attendance is about the same as last year. Twenty-six have been present as follows: Eleven in the Senior class; five in the Middle; eight in the Junior; and

two irregulars.

There is gratifying evidence of marked fidelity and thorough work on the part of the Faculty, and of earnest diligence on the part of the students, with but two exceptions. The thorough and efficient work done by our professors is highly praisoworthy and should commend our Seminary to all our Presbyteries which desire to have their candidates thoroughly trained and equipped for their work as ministers of the gospel. The

Faculty remains the same.

The financial condition of the Seminary is somewhat improved since our last report, in that certain non-paying Railroad bonds have been exchanged for others that are paying. The total amount of invested funds, including material property is \$283,071.62. The income from invested funds last year amounted to \$11,661.55. Donations to the amount of \$650.00 have been received from Dr. Otts, Dr. Rogan of New Jersey and other sources. Contributions for current expenses to the amount of \$159.41 have been received from various churches, all of which with one exception are in the Synod of South Carolina.

W. W. MILLS,

N. B.—The term of Revs. J. G. Richards and C. W. Humphreys, D. D., as Directors, expires at this meeting of Synod.

XII.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE THORNWELL ORPHANAGE.

The Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage, respectfully report to the Synod of South Carolina, that the Institution under your care has just completed its twenty-second year, with

increasing interest and success.

During the year one hundred and sixty-three children, from 12 different States and from every Synod in our Southern Church, were under our care. Of this number, one is a student for the ministry; others have the ministry in view, and above one hundred are members of the Church. At our last commencement five young ladies were graduated, all of whom are now engaged in teaching school; twelve others in various stages of education were discharged.

The cost of supporting the entire family, and keeping all the buildings in repair, (some of the repairs being quite extensive) and of meeting all the bills of every character connected with

the home and school, was a little above \$15,000. All of this was contributed from all over our country, by numbers of friends and by Churches, Sabbath Schools and Societies.

There was no new building erected. There is need however, of an additional cottage, to bring up the whole institution to the standard required, and that it is needed, appears from the fact that there are now one hundred and fifty orphans, duly approved worthy of admission. There is also special need for a steam-laundry and water-works. These additions we hope for in the near future.

There was an addition of only a few hundred dollars to our endowment. All legacies are put on the endowment fund; and only a few of these were received during the year, and were small. It is proposed to raise the endowment to \$50,000, about \$18,000 of which is already on hand. The interest on this sum will pay officers and teachers' salaries, leaving the donations of the Churches to go directly toward child support.

There has been an increase of twenty four children during the year, above the total of last year. This of course calls for the increase of about \$2,400 in contributions, which increase,

we are glad to say, was received.

There were ninety children from South Carolina, twentyseven from Georgia and nine from Florida. We are also able to add, that the receipts from these Synods were just about sufficient to meet the expenses of the children from within their bounds.

In the Board of Visitors of South Carolina, Mr. Nicholson of Union, has been removed by death. It will be necessary to ap-

point a member in his place.

Praying the blessing of God upon the Brethren, and rejoicing in the evidence of liberality in the support of these, their or-

We are your servants in Christ, and Board of Visitors of Thornwell Orphanage. WM. P. JACOBS, President.

XIII.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The College began its 18th year of work on Wednesday, Sep. 15th. The Presidency had been left vacant by the resignation of Rev. E. C. Murray, who had held the position for three years, and from whom we parted with regret. The vacancy was filled by the election of Prof. A. E. Spencer to the position. Prof. Spencer having been connected with the institution for six

years, is well acquainted with its workings, and hence many of the disadvantages, usually arising from a change in the administration, will, it is hoped, be avoided. The vacant Professorship was filled by the election of Prof. S. T. Martin, Jr., of Dublin, Va. Prof. Martin is a graduate of Hampden Sidney College, and has for two years been pursuing a course of study at the University of Virginia, making a specialty of Latin and English, the branches which he is to teach. With these exceptions, the Faculty remains unchanged, and we begin the new year with a full corps of teachers, each especially equipped for his work.

The enrollment, so far, is about the same as for the corresponding portion of last session, and the number is steadily increasing. We have now 54 students enrolled, all but one being in College classes. For the ten months of last session, the enrollment was, in College classes, 53, in the Preparatory Department, 16. So it will be seen, that if there is any falling off in the number enrolled this year, it will be in the Preparatory Department, and due to the organization of a Graded School in our town, to which we have turned over the greater portion of our Preparatory work. This gives the Faculty their full time to devote to College work, the consequence being that better work can be done in all departments.

We hope, however, for a larger enrollment this year than we

had last year.

The work which the College is doing for the Presbyterian Church can be best seen from the following statistics, dating back 4 years:

Enrolled during session of	'94-5	^{'95-6}	96 - 5	97-8
Students for the ministry,	16	9	8	7
Ministers' sons,	9	7	6	4
Members Mission Training College	ge, 3	5	6	7
Students from the Orphanage,	2	3	6	7
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Totals	30	24	26	25

From this it will be seen that the past 4 years, the Faculty has given for the education of beneficiaries over \$4000, or more than \$1000 per annum. The attention of the Church is specially called to these points in order that it may more fully realize that the College is doing a great work for the higher education of the Presbyterians of the State. It is our earnest desire to awaken the interest of the whole Synod in our work; and we lay before the Synod the following proposition, which it may accept now, or at any time in the future:

1. The Board of Directors of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina offers to convey to the Synod of South Carolina all property held and used in the plant of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, including lands, buildings, and equipments; upon the sole condition that the Synod of South Caro-

lina shall maintain the above institution in the town of Clinton, S. C., the above property to revert to the officers of the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, S. C., for educational purposes should the Synod ever fail to maintain the above College in the

town of Clinton, S. C.

2. Furthermore, should this be accepted at once, the present Faculty of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina agree and bind themselves to place their resignations in the hands of any board of control which may be appointed by Synod to operate the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, in accordance with the above proposition of the present Board of Directors; with the understanding that while they have no desire to vacate their present offices, they wish to leave the Synod of South Carolina untrammeled should it accept the above proposition and undertake the control of the College.

XIV

MEMORIAL OF REV. W. B. WHITE.

Wm. Brekenridge White was the first son of Rev. W. G. White and Marion Estle. He was born near Urbana Ohio, June 7th 1664, and was prepared for College at Fort Mill, S. C. After graduating at Southwestern Presbyterian University, he entered Columbia Theological Seminary, and after the completion of the full course, he was licensed by Bethel Presbytery, April 22nd, 1890, and was ordained and installed pastor of Union, Horeb, and Lebanon Churches on Oct. 11th, of the same year. By his purity of character, gentleness of disposition and sincerity of purpose, he so entwined the affections of this charge, that all overtures for a change were defeated, until the call came from the heathen.

From childhood, Brother White had longed to tell the heathen of the love of Jesus, and perhaps the happiest day of his life was, when on that September morn in 1892, he sailed for China. Knowing his ta'ents, his preparation and his conscientiousness, the Church expected of him, such a service as has been rendered by a Davis or Dubose; but the blessed Master had willed that the legacy of William White to the Church, should not consist in scholarly attainments, evangelistic tours and stirring appeals, but in the patient acquiescense of a chastened child, to God's will. If we did not know that all things work together for good, it would seem passing strange that after such extended preparation, our brother should scarcely have learned to lisp the name of Jesus in a foreign tongue, when the hectic flush, fevered brow and hacking cough warned his friends that the citadel of life was being attacked.

With a hurried farewell he left the city of Hanchow and sailed for home. The balmy air of the sea voyage awakened hopes that he might soon return, but all the time the insidious disease was undermining his constitution and sapping his strength.

(After two years of resistance, coming back sometimes with his feet almost, wet with the Jordan, on February 28th, 1897, in Colton, California, the golden bowl was broken, and the silver

cord was loosened.

His sister writes, "He left us with a smile," and his brother Grimes whispered, "Go to sleep and wake with Jesus,"

And so he fell on sleep.

Asleep in Jesus, far from thee Thy kindred and their graves may be, Yet there is still a blessed sleep From which none ever wakes to weep.

> J. H. THORNWELL, Chairman. B. P. REID, A. H. WHITE.

XV.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHANGES OF RULES.

After mature deliberation, correspondence with members of our own Synod and others, and a reviewal of the Manuals of other Synods, we respectfully recommend 1st. the adoption of a Manual by our Synod, which shall contain the following items:

1. The Constitution of a Synod, from our Book of Church

Order.

2. Rules of Parliamentary Order used by the General Assembly of our Church.

3. The Standing Rules of Synod.

4. The past meetings of Synod, giving the year and place of meeting and name of Moderator.

2nd. The adoption of the following Standing Rules:

1. The officers of Synod shall be the Moderator, Stated Clerk, one or more Assistant or Temporary Clerks and a Treasurer.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Synod, and to have the same on hand at every regular meeting, together with a list of any officers, Trustees, or Committees, appointed by or subject to the Synod. He shall also prepare for the use of the Moderator at each meeting, a docket containing all the matters, regular and special, to come up before the body. He shall further be, ex-officio, Treasurer of Synod; to collect and disburse

for such objects as Synod may direct, the contingent of other funds of the Synod: of which he shall prepare a detailed report at each regular meeting. And in compensation for his services he shall be paid an annual salary of \$100. His term of office shall be three years.

3. The Moderator shall appoint the following Standing Committees: (1) Bills and Overtures. (2) Judicial. (3) Minutes of General Assembly. (4) Finance. (5) Leave of Absence. (6) Presbyterial Records, a Committee for each Presbytery. (7) Theo-

logical Seminary.

4. Before the close of each meeting of the Synod, the Moderator shall appoint Committees of three members each, to re-

port at the next meeting of Synod, as follows:

- (1) On Home Missions; the Assembly's work, and Evangelistic labor in the bounds of the Synod. (2) On Foreign Missions. (3) On Education for the Ministry. (4) On Publication. (5) On work among the Colored People. (6) On Sunday schools. (7) On the Narrative. (8) On the Bible Cause. The members of these Committees shall be published in the appendix to the Minutes of Synod, annually; and in the Southern Presbyterian four weeks before the meeting of Synod.
- 5-1. Presbyteries shall forward to each annual session of Synod: (1) Records, to the date of the meeting of Synod. (2) Statistical Reports. cf. Form of Government, ch. v. Sec. iv. Par.
- 2. Reports on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education Publication, Work among the Colored People, Sunday Schools, and The Narrative shall be sent to the chairmen of the Synodical Committees on these subjects, ten days before the meeting of Synod.
 - 6. Committee of Devotional Exercises.

Before the close of each meeting of Synod the Moderator shall appoint a Committee of Devotional Exercises, of which the pastor or a Ruling Elder of the Church in which the Synod holds its next meeting shall be Chairman, who shall arrange for the next meeting of the Synod, recommending the limit of the daily sessions, propose arrangements for religious services, and at a suitable time before the meeting of Synod arrange order of exercises for meetings in behalf of special causes of Church work, including addresses of Secretaries representing the Assembly's Executive Committees, if present; provided that the morning session shall always be begun with devotional services, to be continued ordinarily for twenty minutes.

In case a vacancy shall occur in this Committee the Modera-

tor is directed to fill such vacancy.
7. A permanent Committee on Evangelistic Labor in the Synod, consisting of one member from each Presbytery shall be elected annually.

8. The Synod shall appoint annually two of its members to serve for a term of 3 years on the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary, and any director failing to attend the meetings of the Board, and not excused by the Synod, shall cease to be a Director, and his office shall thereby become vacant.

9. Memorials of Deceased Ministers shall be read at an hour fixed by the Committee on Devotional Exercises, with singing, prayer, and reading of Scriptures. These memorials shall be

published in the printed minutes of Synod.

10. An annual assessment shall be laid upon the Presbyteries composing the Synod, to meet the necessary expenses of the body, which assessment for the current year shall be laid by the Synod at its annual meeting, and this table of assessments shall be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

That an annual Report be made to Synod by the Board of Visitors to the Thornwell Orphanage, which report shall be received by Synod as information or referred to a special Committee of Synod to suggest further action of Synod.

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